



Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Keepers of the Land
AmeriCorps Program

DNR AmeriCorps Position Descriptions

Fisheries (*Full time – Fall 2013 & Half time, Quarter time & Minimum time – Spring/Summer 2014*)

- Report preparation for creel surveys and chemical renovation projects
- Investigation of fish kills
- Assist fisheries management, hatchery, and research teams in field work
- Conduct youth fishing clinics

Prairie Restoration (*Full time - Fall 2013 & Half time - Spring 2014*)

- Perform seed collections, plant prairies and tress
- Remove invasive trees and brush
- Manage prairies, savannahs, and timber

Disaster Team (*Full time - Fall 2013*)

- Respond to local, state and/or national natural disaster emergency responses
- Assist with priority environmental projects across the State of Iowa

Wildlife (Variety) (*Full time & Half time – Fall 2013, Half time – Spring 2014*)

- Restore and enhance prairies through planting, burning, and weed control
- Conduct pheasant, raccoon, deer, frog, toad, and waterfowl surveys
- Catch, band and release waterfowl bird species
- Assist in planning and designing cover types, crop rotations, and working with farm operators

State Park Interpreters (*Half time – Spring 2014 and Quarter Time - May 2014*)

- Plan, create and deliver thematic programs that reveal exciting and interesting connections to the state parks
- Encourage active and participatory learning by visitors
- Enhance visitor connections by incorporating program events such as guided hikes and campfires

Forestry Aide (*Half time & Quarter time – Fall 2013 & Spring 2014*)

- Assist in the production, packaging, and shipping of tree seedlings
- Conduct invasive species control and resource management
- Implement forest management practices to improve forest health

Trail Crew (*Full time – Fall 2013 & Quarter time - May 2014*)

- Development and reconstruction of trails in the Iowa State Park system
- Implement and exercise sustainable environmental practices
- Restoration of native prairie ecosystems

Springbrook Educators (*Full time - Fall 2013*)

- Develop and present natural resource lessons to visitors at Springbrook Conservation Education Center
- Create an atmosphere which encourages learning and participation

Benefits of Serving as an AmeriCorps Member with the DNR

Members serving a half time or quarter time position will receive a modest living allowance. Each member who successfully completes a term of service will receive an AmeriCorps Education Award. You can use your education award to pay educational expenses at qualified institutions of higher education, for educational training, or to repay qualified student loans. You have up to seven years after your term of service has ended to utilize the education award.

Position	Minimum # of Hours	Living Allowance	Education Award
Full Time	1700	\$12,700	\$5,550
Half Time	900	\$6,723	\$2,775
Quarter Time	450	\$3,362	\$1,468
Minimum Time	300	\$0	\$1,175

Program Requirements

To be eligible, members must have a high school diploma or GED, or document willingness to work towards one during their term of service. Pass a criminal history check and attend AmeriCamp on November 4 – 6 and/or June 2 – 5 (excludes minimum time members).

For more information on the DNR AmeriCorps Program, visit:

<http://americorps.iowadnr.gov>

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